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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An odor desensitizing intra-nasal clip for dental patients includes a bendable arcuate band extending between distal ends. The ends have odor-emitting pads affixed thereon. The band has an inner surface coextensive with the band, wherein the inner surface contacts the respective right and left sides of a user's nasal septum when the outer distal ends are inserted into a user's right and left nostrils, with the band wrapped around the lower distal end of the nasal septum. Preferably, the band has a pair of reverse curvatures near its outer distal ends, so that the reverse curvatures separate the ends from contact with the surface of the user's nasal septum. To mask dental odors during dental procedures, the intra-nasal clip has odor-emitting absorbent pads attached to its distal ends; with odorant absorbed therein.

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